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Good morning,

Find enclosed the ITAC for your situational awareness.

Thanks,

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From ITAC, extremists and other individuals supporting COVID-19 conspiracy theories and violent anti-authority/anti-government views have expressed intent to participate in the convoy and to attend the accompanying protests in Ottawa. Here are the Key Judgements:

- Those seeking to undertake legitimate protest and dissent are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism. ITAC judges it possible that Canadian IMVE actors will insinuate themselves within the protest actions in Ottawa over the period of 28 and 29 January. It is possible that opportunistic, low-level violence will occur in Ottawa over the weekend, based on the likely presence of IMVE adherents and law enforcement.
- A small number of IMVE adherents could leverage an emotional crowd to spur on violence and destruction of government property through mob mentality dynamics, with the most likely target of violence being law enforcement or government officials near prominent federal buildings.
- It is possible that protestors, including IMVE adherents, could use rudimentary capabilities, such as trucks, cargo and fuel, to cause disruption to infrastructure and destruction of property. Uniformed personnel are the most likely target of opportunistic or low-level violence.
- The convergence of people in Ottawa represents an opportunity for other individuals or small groups inspired by Religiously Motivated Violent Extremism (RMVE) to capitalize on a potentially chaotic environment to conduct an unsophisticated attack. However, this is unlikely due to safety mitigation measures in place.
- We note that Parliament returns from Christmas adjournment on January 31 and this could motivate a dedicated group of protestors to prolong their protest in Ottawa and/or seek interaction with Canadian politicians.
- A coordinated, complex terrorist attack or planned storming of Parliament or other federal locations is unlikely.
- Due to the level of involvement of law enforcement and mitigation measures in place, ITAC assesses that the National Terrorism Threat Level (NTTL) and the terrorism threat level for uniformed personnel remain unchanged at MEDIUM; a violent act of terrorism could occur.

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